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**Bureau:**              **Administrative Services Bureau**

**Authorized Supervisor:**    **Assistant Deputy Chief Doug Pann**

**Phone:**                **815-961-2406**

**Incident:**              **Implementation of Pilot Police District**

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## MESSAGE

In early 2009, the Rockford Police Department created the Pilot Police District Project Team to investigate the concept of decentralizing the Police Department in furtherance of the City of Rockford's vision of a fully implemented Community Policing philosophy. Based on best practices, the Project Team developed a Pilot Police District plan focused upon launching one Pilot District in the Central City to begin the decentralization process. The Pilot District serves to implement the geographic policing model and gives the Police Department the opportunity to identify issues for resolution prior to implementing full decentralization. Geographic deployment facilitates problem-solving and relationship building in the community and within the organization. The approach embodies the City of Rockford's and the Police Department's commitment to the Community Policing Philosophy.

On Sunday January 19, 2014, the Rockford Police Department will implement the Pilot Police District Program in Police District 2, which is situated in the Central City, encompassing the Kishwaukee Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Street corridors. The Police District 2 Headquarters are temporarily established in separate office space within the Public Safety Building; however, plans to deploy to a building within Police District 2 are under way.

The Pilot Police District will host an open house on Tuesday February 4, 2014 from 1p,-3pm in the District 2 offices on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Public Safety Building, and invited the community to attend. Community members can contact the Rockford Police Department District 2 offices at 815-961-2406 or Assistant Deputy Chief Doug Pann at 815-961-3214.

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